



## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

February 13, 2015  
Room C

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Peter Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee, at 8:15 a.m.

Present: Steve Kegler, Peter Kochenburger

Excused: Alex Marcellino

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Kegler moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were in attendance.

### 4. Review of 6/9/2009 Council Policy Regarding Public Commenting by Advisory Boards

Members discussed the February 3, 2000 letter which was added to the Policy Index of the Mansfield Town Council on June 8, 2009 requesting that all advisory board and staff comments or concerns on issues of town-wide importance be submitted to the Town Council or Town Manager and not to State or private parties. Members were in agreement with the policy. Mr. Kochenburger will report to the Town Council at the next meeting.

### 5. Vacancy/Appointments/Resignations

Motions made by Mr. Kegler and seconded by Mr. Kochenburger approved the following recommendations to be presented to the Council:

The appointment of Christopher Toomey and Jennifer Scanlon to Mansfield Advocates for Children for terms ending 6/30/2018.

The reappointment of Nora Stevens and Saul Nesselroth to the Ethics Committee for terms ending 6/30/2017.

The reappointment of Barry Burnham, Winston Hawkins and Keith Wilson to the Cemetery Committee for terms ending 7/1/2017.

Motions passed unanimously.

Jennifer Kaufman will be asked about expired terms on the Agriculture, Open Space and Parks Committees. Curt Vincente will be asked about expired terms on the Recreation Committee.

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to add a discussion of the establishment of a Mansfield Climate Change Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANSFIELD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Recycling coordinator Virginia Walton was invited to join the discussion. Members discussed the pros and cons of establishing a separate Climate Change Committee or delegating the responsibility to a subcommittee of an existing committee. Ms. Walton reported the Sustainability Committee has briefly discussed the issue and commented that committee members would need to have a level of expertise in the subject of climate change. Ms. Walton also noted the Sustainability Committee is in the process of reviewing the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft which does contain references and recommendations regarding the issue of climate change. The Sustainability Committee is planning to further discuss the potential options at their March meeting and will report back to the Committee on Committees. Mr. Kochenburger suggested the Town work with the new Institute for Community Resiliency and Climate Adaptation recently established by the State. Ms. Walton has made initial contact with the Institute. The item will be on the March agenda.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

